

## Senate Resolution 1014

By: Senators Johnson of the 1st and Thomas of the 2nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Donald E. Vickery; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Donald E. Vickery was the seventh son born to a struggling low income  
3 family in Savannah, Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, by his first birthday he was in foster care, and it was not until his ninth birthday  
5 that he was introduced to a stable living environment at Bethesda Boys Home; and

6 WHEREAS, he remained at Bethesda Boys Home until his 17th birthday, at which time he  
7 joined the U. S. Army, serving for eight years from 1976 until 1983; and

8 WHEREAS, he was honorably discharged and began working in the construction industry  
9 and pursuing a degree in education; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1989, his life was turned upside down because of a devastating injury which  
11 left him severely injured with the doctors telling him he would be wheelchair bound; and

12 WHEREAS, because of the life lessons learned at Bethesda Boys Home, golf, and hard work,  
13 he has become successful in spite of seemingly overwhelming obstacles; and

14 WHEREAS, today Mr. Vickery is a PGA apprentice with 12 years experience in successfully  
15 managing golf facility operations, and he is currently the assistant professional at the  
16 Wilmington Island Club in Savannah, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, he attended Augusta College in Augusta, Georgia; Chipola Junior College in  
18 Marianna, Florida, and completed the P.G.A. Golf Professional Training Program; and

19 WHEREAS, he has won many honors and awards such as being selected director of the  
20 Savannah Junior Golf Tournament Series; achieving ten consecutive top ten finishes in the

1 Georgia State Amputee Championships; winning the Georgia State Amputee Championship,  
2 1995; being a member of the 2006 and 2007 International Robinson Cup Teams; winning  
3 second place in the National Amputee Championship in 2006 and third place in 2007; and  
4 being named the Employee of the Year in 2002.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
6 join together to recognize and commend Mr. Donald E. Vickery for his exemplary career and  
7 for his outstanding determination and success in overcoming extreme obstacles through hard  
8 work.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Donald E. Vickery.